(c) what measures are being taken by Government to collect accurate data and verify them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UTTAMBHAI H. PATEL): (a) There is no proposal under Government's consideration to ease the concentration of labour in the Rural Agricultural Sector.

(b) The percentage of rural agricultural labour to the population of India based on 1991 census was 8.34 per cent.

(c) Population census data are collected through the decennial census conducted by the office of the census Commissioner and Registrar general of India as per prescribed instructions and methodology and there is built-in provision for supervision and verificaton of data.

Rural Development and Poverty Alleviation Plan

2405. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the Goverment's proposal for rural development and poverty alleviation;

(b) whether National Development Council discussed the issue in its last meeting; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UTTAMBHAI H. PATEL): (a) Government of India proposes to continue its efforts for rural development and poverty alleviation on a larger scale during the Eighth Five Year Plan. The two major centrally sponsored poverty alleviation programmes being Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP) and Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY). The objective of IRDP is to create self-employment by providing productive assets and inputs to enable identified rural poor families to cross the poverty line. Assets are to be provided to small and marginal farmers, agricultural labourers and rural artisans having income below the poverty line. The poverty line has been revised from Rs. 6,400 to Rs. 11,000 for the Eighth Plan.

Another major programme i.e. Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY) is also being implemented with the main objective of providing gainful employment to the rural poor. The plan outlay for the Ministry of Rural Development has been stopped up from Rs. 10,955 crores during the Seventh Plan to Rs. 30,000 crore during the Eighth Five Year Plan.

(b) and (c) During the VIII Plan, proposals are under way in consultation with the State Governments, for revamping the Rural Development Schemes particularly in the context of the 'the Basket of Schemes' mentioned by Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission at the meeting of National Development Council (NDC).

Development of villages by voluntary Agencies

2406. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Prime Minister made a statement in December last year requesting the voluntary agencies to come forward and adopt group of villages for comprehensive development;

(b) whether Government have prepared any blue print and plan of action of the scheme;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether any response has been received on the scheme from the NGO's;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UTTAMBHAI H. PATEL): (a) to (f) In the Conference on Accelerating Socio-Economic Rural

Development held in December, 1991, Prime Minister offered that the voluntary agencies may come forward and adopt any village, block or group of villages for development. However, there is no specific scheme prepared as such for this purpose. It has been recognised that voluntary agencies will be playing an increasing role in the development of rural sector. The need for involving voluntary agencies in rural development programmes has been receiving the attention of the Government.

गुजरात में समन्वित ग्रामीण विकास कार्यक्रम

2407. **श्री गोपाल सिंह जी० सोलंकी** : क्या **प्रधान मंत्री** यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) विश्व बैंक ने गुजरात में समन्वित ग्रामीण विकास कार्यक्रम के कार्यान्वयन के लिये किन-किन स्थानों का चयन किया है;

(ख) यह कार्यक्रम कब तक कार्यान्वित किय जाने की संभावना है; और

(ग) इस कार्यक्रम के कार्यान्वयन के लिये क्या मानदंड अपनाये गये हैं ?

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री उत्तमभाई एच० पटेल) : (क) गुजरात में समन्वित ग्रामीण विकास कार्यक्रम के कार्यान्वयन के लिय विश्व बैंक द्वारा सहायता प्राप्त कोई परियोजना नहीं है ।

(ख) और (ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Rozgar funds Jawahar Rozgar Yojaan

2408 SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state the steps Government are taking or proposed to take to ensure that the Rozgar funds under Jawahar Rozgar Yojana are usefully spent and not misused.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI G. VENKATSWAMY): The system of checks and balances is built into the Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY) programme so that misutilisation of funds does not take place. The resources under JRY allocated to the village panchalats are kept in a bank account or a post office account in the joint names of the Sarpanch and another member nominated by the panchayat. Every drawal from the bank is required to be authorised in the meeting of the village panchayats. Since JRY is implemented by about 2.20 lakhs village panchayats all over the country, the State Governments have drawn up a programme of inspection of these works by seinor officers, from the State/District/Block level who are required to inspect the works in the villages/district at a frequency decided by the State Level Coordination Committee. Monthly and quarterly reports are prescribed for a regular flow of information from the districts to the State & Central levels so that both the State and and Central Governments can monitor the performance of the programme periodically.

गुजरात में ग्रामीण स्वच्छता कार्यक्रम

2407. **श्री राजूभाई ए० परमार** : क्या **प्रधान मंत्री** यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान गुजरात में ग्रामीण स्वच्छता कार्यक्रम की संशोधित नीति और संशोधन पूर्व नीति दोनों के अन्तर्गत कितनी धनराशि आवंटित की गई है तथा इन नीतियों के अन्तर्गत किए प्राप्त किये गए लक्ष्यों का ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ख) क्या उक्त कार्यक्रम निर्धारित समयानुसार नहीं चल रहा है ?

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री उत्तमभाई एच० पटेल) : (क) केन्द्रीय प्रायोजित ग्रामीण स्वच्छता कार्यक्रम की संशोधित मार्गदर्शिकायें राज्य